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SUBJECT: SUGAR -- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL

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1. INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATION (ISO) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET APRIL 18 TO CONSIDER AGENDA SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT IN REFAIR. MEETING WAS ROUTINE. HIGHLIGHTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTAS. A 2.5 PER CENT REDUCTION IN THE LEVEL OF QUOTAS IN EFFECT WAS APPROVED. THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS REDUCTION IS TO BE APRIL 22, AS PER PARAS 2 AND 4 OF ARTICLE 41 OF THE ISA.

3. HARDSHIP RESERVE COMMITTEE. THE HARDSHIP RESERVE COMMITTEE RECEIVED CLAIMS FROM TWO COUNTRIES FOR 113,000 TONS OF ADDITIONAL QUOTA. WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO PREJUDICE POTENTIAL FUTURE APPLICANTS WHO MAY APPLY FOR THEIR SHARE OF THE 200,000 TON RESERVE' THE COMMITTEE APPROVED A 70,000 TON ALLOCATION. THE EFFECTIVE DATE WILL BE APRIL 29. (WHILE IT WAS NEVER MENTIONED, THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE PANAMA (50,000 TONS) AND GUYANA (20, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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000 TONS), THERE WAS A GENERAL AWARENESS THAT THESE ARE THE TWO BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES).

4. RULES. ADMINISTRATIVE AND STATISTICAL RULES WILL BE REVIEWED AGAIN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT ITS MAY SESSION SINCE RULE 88 STILL REMAINS BRACKETED. RULE 88 DEALS WITH THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND THE BRACKETED PORTION DEALS WITH THE PERSON WHO SHOULD ACT IN HIS ABSENCE.

5. EXPANSION PROJECTS. CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON EXPANSION PROJECTS MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES OF BRAZIL, SOUTH AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA. EL SALVADOR AND MEXICO WERE THE ONLY COUNTRIES WHO FAILED TO MEET THE DEADLINE FOR JUSTIFYING THEIR EXPANSION PROJECTS BEFORE THE COUNCIL. ON THE OTHER HAND, COSTA RICA, FIJI, GUATEMALA, GUYANA, HONDURAS, MALAWI, NICARAGUA, PANAMA AND SWAZILAND ALL COMPLIED WITH THE STIPULATIONS OF ARTICLE 44 BEFORE THE DEADLINE. A LONG DEBATE ENSUED DURING WHICH GUATEMALA DEFENDED EL SALVADOR AND MEXICO, AND A COMPROMISE WAS REACHED, SETTING MAY 10 AS A DEADLINE FOR THE MEXICAN

AND EL SALVADORIAN SUBMISSIONS. THE GUATEMALAN DELEGATE (MONTES) RAISED THE INTERESTING POINT OF THE MEANING OF THE REALIZED EXPANSION PROJECTS EXERCISE, QUESTIONING WHETHER THE CALCULATIONS RESULTING FROM THE EXERCISE REALLY FIT INTO THE FORMULA FOR THE THIRD THROUGH FIFTH YEARS OF THE ISA OR IF THERE IS AN AUTOMATIC ADDITION TO BASIC EXPORT TONNAGES OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHOSE PROJECTS SO QUALIFY, BEGINNING IN 1980. THE POINT, ALTHOUGH DISCUSSED, REMAINED UNRESOLVED.

6. OBLIGATIONS ENTERED INTO PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO FORCE. NO COUNTRY NOTIFIED THE ISO THAT IT HAD ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A NON-MEMBER PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE AGREEMENT, SO NO ACTION WAS TAKEN UNDER ITEM 10 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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7. STOCKS. ALL BUT FIVE COUNTRIES HAVE NOW FIXED THE DATES FOR INSPECTION OF THEIR SOECIAL STOCKS IN 1978. MANY COUNTRIES HAVE NOT YET APPOINTED THE INDEPENDENT INSPECTORS AND ALL WERE URGED TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONES-PARRY MADE A SPECIAL PLEA IN THIS REGARD TO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

8. STATISTICS. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO STOP PREPARING PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION STATISTICS ON A REGIONAL BASIS, BUT TO CONTINUE SUCH EFFORTS ON A COUNTRY BY COUNTRY BASIS.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GAVE A LONG PRESENTATION ON THE PROBLEM OF ACCOMMODATION, AND NOTED THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL BURDENS CAUSED BY THE CREATION OF THE STOCK FINANCING FUND. HE PROPOSED THAT THE FUND BE CHARGED 23,000 POUNDS STERLING OF THE 50,000 POUNDS STERLING IN ADDITIONAL COSTS THIS YEAR BROUGHT ON BY THE CREATION OF THE FUND. THE OTHER 27,000 POUNDS STERLING WILL BE

TAKEN FROM THE ISO RESERVE. FINAL APPROVAL FOR THIS FINANCIAL ADJUSTMENT MUST BE MADE IN THE COUNCIL.

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10. DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING SENT SEPTEL WAS APPROVED WITH MINOR MODIFICATION TO ITEM 8 BY CUBA AND THE ADDITION BY AUSTRALIA OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM COVERING NON-MEMBERS, BUT IN REALITY DIRECTED TOWARDS THE EC QUESTION. SEVERAL DELEGATES WERE CAREFUL TO POINT OUT THE NEED TO AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF THE ISO BEGGING THE EC TO JOIN.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONES-PARRY AGAIN PLEADED WITH THE 38 COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET APPOINTED AGENTS FOR THE STOCK FINANCING FUND. HE HOPES TO SEND OUT THE SUGAR STAMPS NEEDED FOR THIS OPERATION BY THE FIRST WEEK IN JUNE.

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